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PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 022101-001500US
Client Ref. No.: 18981-US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jaeger, S.

Application No.: 10/087631

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: METHOD FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF A NUCLEIC
ACID USING A CONTROL

Customer No.: 41504

Confirmation No. 3750

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a two month extension of time from October 30, 2004 to December 30, 2004 accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.